

# Refugees trapped at border Caravan brings aid, solidarity

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Sometimes as workers we forget that we're part of a large family of working people around the world. But it's the truth. And when your family is under attack, you want to do everything you can to help.

This spirit of solidarity fueled a people's aid caravan from Los Angeles on Dec. 1 that carried desperately needed supplies destined for the more than 6,000 refugees — children, women, men, LGBTQ+ people, Indigenous and Afro-Latinxs — trapped in Tijuana, Mexico, by President Donald Trump's attempts to block Central American asylum seekers from entering the U.S.

These are workers fleeing political and economic violence imposed on Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and other countries by decades of U.S. intervention under both Republican and Democratic regimes. They are facing down the barrels of the racist Border Patrol that teargasses families, and the thousands of U.S. troops deployed by Trump, who said that these troops should shoot at the slightest provocation.

In response to what it characterized as "a humanitarian crisis," the American Indian Movement of Southern California (AIM SoCal), along with Movimiento Cosecha L.A., initiated this solidarity caravan — one of many now being organized throughout the Southwest and across the country.

We represented the Welcome/Bienvenida Refugee Caravan Committee, along with other activists from Baltimore, Los Angeles, New York and San Diego. Participating organizations included Assistance for the Resistance, Kids Out Of Cages, the Harriet Tubman Social Justice Center-Los Angeles, the Baltimore People's Power Assembly, Solidarity with Novorossiya & Antifascists in Ukraine, and more.

The call went out for people to donate needed supplies, which



Near the border in San Diego, Dec. 1, 2018.

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were collected at Bernie's Coffee Shop, a long-abandoned diner in Los Angeles' museum district that has been converted into a movement space.

And so, during the last week of November, as the word spread, donations blossomed — including tents and tarps, diapers and bottles, coats and blankets, toiletries and toys, bottled water and canned food.

### Caravan to the border

Then, on Saturday morning, Dec. 1, a multinational, multi-generational team of more than two dozen activists gathered at Bernie's to load the people's aid into cars, minivans and pickup trucks for the 3-hour-plus trip to the U.S.-Mexico border.

By midafternoon, the vehicles converged at a San Diego home which serves as a coordination center on the U.S. side. There, we received an orientation from local activists, who gave updates on possible border closures and a hunger strike by a group of Central American refugees protesting the alarming conditions they face in Tijuana.

We learned that aid delivery would be especially challenging this weekend due to Mexican authorities' decision to move thousands of refugees from the Benito Juárez sports complex near the border to a shelter 11 miles away.

Before crossing the border, it was important for us to pack our aid discretely to avoid harassment, fines or confiscation. We ended up taking about half of the aid brought down from Los Angeles. The rest was left at the house in San Diego to bring over the border the next day.

As dusk fell, the solidarity caravan converged at the Enclave Caracol activist center in Tijuana. As we carried in boxes and bags, we saw long lines of seniors, teens, parents holding babies and many others spilling out of Enclave's entrance into the courtyard.

Inside, volunteer workers cooked and served hot meals to asylum seekers. Children sat on wooden benches reading and coloring.

We spoke with volunteers who sorted the donations. Although Enclave deals mostly with food and beverage donations, their well-organized team helped dispatch cars with clothing and other aid to distribution points around the city.

After waiting hours in long lines to cross back into the U.S., some members of the solidarity caravan returned to Los Angeles on Saturday night. Others camped out at the coordination house in San Diego and went back over the border on Sunday to deliver the remaining aid.

Organizers reported that these were the first donations to go directly to the asylum seekers with no government intervention. More than 500 people received aid.

"Supporting the asylum seekers is very important to me," explained Marco Flores of AIM SoCal. "U.S. intervention in their home countries has caused great instability, violence and extreme poverty. This has left many of them no choice but to flee."

Gloria Verdieu, a community organizer from San Diego, said: "I think it's important that the African communities in the U.S. and the asylum seekers understand that this struggle is one struggle. We are all in this together."

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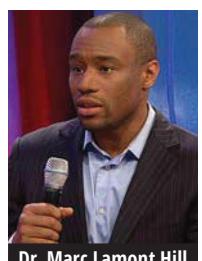
Since Nov. 17, France has seen almost daily actions by the spontaneous "yellow vest" (gilets jaunes) protesters. The media showed scenes of police in Paris attacking with tear gas, flash bombs and water canons. By Dec. 1, over 70 percent of the population in France were in support of the yellow vest uprising.



On Dec. 5, the French government decided to suspend a planned eco-tax on fuel, a tax that was one of the sparks of the protests. But the movement of the yellow vests has now turned into a broader revolt against inequality and President Emmanuel Macron's neoliberal reforms.

### PALESTINE

### Fired for call to end Israeli apartheid



Dr. Marc Lamont Hill was fired by CNN last week after he gave a speech at the United Nations on November 29, International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. Hill ended the speech by saying that he hoped for a free Palestine "from the river to the sea." Watch his speech at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I8\\_3mGQTX2E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I8_3mGQTX2E)

Hill, a professor of Media Studies and Urban Education at Temple University, is also being threatened with firing by the university's board of directors.

Lamont Hill defended his comments on Twitter: "I support Palestinian freedom. I support Palestinian self-determination. I am deeply critical of Israeli policy and practice. I do not support anti-Semitism, killing Jewish people, or any of the other things attributed to my speech. I have spent my life fighting these things."

### MEXICO

### New president inaugurated

On Dec. 1, 160,000 people packed the Zócalo square in Mexico City to witness the inauguration of new President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, popularly known as AMLO.



AMLO's election on July 1 by an outpouring of millions of urban and rural workers was seen as a popular revolt against the right-wing ruling parties. With more than 30 million votes, AMLO is the most voted-for president in the history of the country. The celebration in the Zócalo was tremendous. The election represented the progressive aspirations of the working class in Mexico, but it will take more than an election to win those aspirations.



PHOTO: MOON MANDEL

Above, aid distribution in Tijuana Dec. 2.

Left, John Parker preparing a banner.

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# Missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people

## What you need to know about #MMIWG2S

By M. Tiahui

Across Canada and the U.S., Indigenous women can often be seen at marches wearing red shawls or scarves, sometimes holding red dresses aloft. Indigenous people have formed dozens of organizations and organized walks and marches of solidarity and memory as well as standouts at government buildings and universities. They have written and spoken thousands of words, made videos and created art installations.

These actions are part of an ever-growing movement to amplify Indigenous voices and to remember and bring more attention to the longstanding issue of "Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & Two-Spirit People" (MMIWG2S), lift up the concerns of their families and demand action to end the widespread violence.

In Canada, at least 5,100 women have gone missing or have been murdered nationally, with some areas such as Indigenous communities near the "Highway of Tears" in the Canadian province of British Columbia being particularly hard-hit. Many Indigenous families have been devastated by having family members stolen from them.

One of the many reasons that Indigenous nations all over are fighting against pipelines, fracking and mining is that man camps are set up for the influx of workers. The men have huge sums of money and lots of drugs to entice Indigenous women, who often end up being addicted and trafficked. Some of these women disappear; some are killed. Most of the men who assault or kill Indigenous women are white men, who act without fear of consequences in many jurisdictions.

But the disappearances do not just happen on reservations or in rural areas. The majority of Indigenous people live in urban areas, where Indigenous women are also targeted.

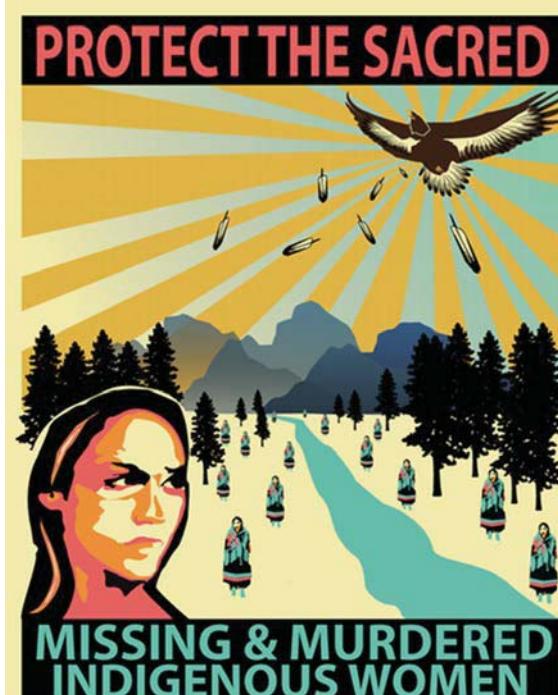
Bowing to public pressure, the Canadian government has undertaken a national MMIW inquiry, but that has been criticized for not being sufficiently staffed and insensitive to the needs of families and survivors.

### Inadequate yet appalling statistics

It's hard to give exact figures for the magnitude of the problem because there are no central databases in the U.S. or Canada. Even when figures are available, they may not include Indigenous 2-Spirit people. ("Two-Spirit" refers to an Indigenous spectrum of gender nonconforming people, and some include lesbian, gay and bi people within the term.)

The statistics we do have are appalling. Studies indicate that 84 to 90 percent of Indigenous women have experienced violence, and 56 percent of Indigenous women are survivors of sexual violence, although many Indigenous experts think those numbers are too low.

One of the problems in talking about MMIWG2S is that Indigenous



people are routinely undercounted and not identified separately in many statistics. Recently, through Freedom of Information Act requests, the Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) identified 506 murdered or missing urban Indigenous women from the 71 U.S. cities from which they had requested data.

But that is an unrealistically low figure. Some cities, such as Santa Fe, N.M., do not even identify Indigenous people separately in their statistics, even though there is a large Indigenous population in that area. Instead they may classify Indigenous women as Black, white or "Hispanic." This undercounting is part of the erasure of Indigenous lives.

UIHI notes that "the National Crime Information Center reports that, in 2016, there were 5,712 reports of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls, though the U.S. Department of Justice's federal missing persons database, NamUs, only logged 116 cases. ... No research has been done on rates of such violence among American Indian and Alaska Native women living in urban areas despite the fact that approximately 71 percent of American Indian and Alaska Natives live in urban areas."

There are many proposals from Indigenous communities about what can be done. In addition to creating national databases of missing persons that identify Indigenous people, states and municipalities would need to be mandated to obtain proper data.

Other proposals include providing greater access to resources and services and providing special training

The magnitude is unknown. There are no official records.

to police forces. But more policing is not necessarily a viable solution. In many areas, the police have been a part of the problem, suspected of being among those who assault or steal women and also accused of being resistant to investigating when missing women are reported. Native people — men as well as women — also have the highest rates of death by police in the U.S.

Often ignored by police, Indigenous communities and families sometimes undertake their own investigations and organize for self-defense.

A key proposal is that no projects should happen on Indigenous land without Indigenous consent, so that the Indigenous nation can take into account the impacts that the project might have. The U.S. and Canada are both historically resistant to this concept.

### Historical underpinnings of MMIWG2S

Some of the reforms that are being proposed will certainly help. But they will not entirely solve the crisis.

That is because violence against women and 2-Spirit people is a hallmark of colonialism in the Americas, started by Christopher Columbus and his men when they raped, murdered and kidnapped their way through the lands they claimed for Spain. This violence is a mechanism of domination and oppression. It is intended to terrorize, disrupt and demoralize Indigenous populations.

The violence of settler colonialism — a form of colonialism that seeks to replace the original population of a colonized territory with a new society of settlers — is not just something that happened in the past. It's an ongoing system of power that perpetuates genocide and repression of Indigenous peoples and cultures.

And the violence stems from capitalism, the profit-seeking socioeconomic system we live under, where our social relations are based on commodities for exchange such as private property and the exploitation of labor and the land.

The ongoing crisis of MMIWG2S is also interrelated with the violence being enacted right now against migrant families — many of them Indigenous — coming from Honduras, Mexico and other countries. Women and 2-Spirits are especially endangered in their home countries as well as in the U.S. ☐

## LABOR

### LOW WAGE WORKERS

#### Fight for \$15 a winner

The Fight for \$15 movement to raise minimum hourly wages led directly to a collective \$68 billion raise for 22 million low-wage workers in both the public and private sectors.

That's the conclusion of a new analysis published by the National Employment Law Project, which backs a higher minimum wage. "Of the \$68 billion in additional income, the overwhelming share (70 percent, or \$47 billion) is the result of \$15 minimum wage laws that the Fight for \$15 won in California, New York, Massachusetts, Flagstaff, Los Angeles, San Jose, San Francisco, the District of Columbia, Montgomery County, the Twin Cities, Seattle, and SeaTac over the past few years," NELP researchers reported.

NELP further found that the \$68 billion figure is "more than 14 times larger than the total raise under the last federal minimum wage increase, approved in 2007."

### CHICAGO TEACHERS

#### Charter school walk out

Chicago teachers have launched the first major charter school strike. The teachers and their union charge that the "independent" schools are overcrowded and underfunded. Charter schools are being used to create a second tier in the teaching profession, the union says.



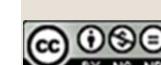
The strike of 550 teachers and paraprofessionals in 15 charter schools is for pay equality with public school wages, more resources for students and smaller class sizes.

### HOTEL WORKERS

#### Win Marriott strike

With a settlement in San Francisco on December 3, the largest U.S. hotel worker strike in history has won better wages and job security for 7,700 Marriott workers.

Marriott workers went on strike in eight U.S. cities. The largest strike locations are Hawaii, Boston and San Francisco. Other cities include San Diego, Oakland, San Jose and Detroit. ☐



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# In the new Cuban Constitution **FIDEL LIVES**

By Cheryl LaBash

On Nov. 25, 2016, Fidel Castro, the historic leader of the Cuban Revolution, died at age 90.

Around the world and especially on the island he helped free from capitalist exploitation, organizations and individuals celebrated his life and contributions on the second anniversary of his death. These remembrances coincided with the final stages of wide public discussion both in Cuba and its diaspora to update the Cuban Constitution — a document that guarantees socialist development and the right to universal free health care and education as well as access to culture and sports.

Of the many proposed constitutional updates, one of the most discussed and noted is Article 68, which deletes references to gender in defining marriage. The proposed new Cuban Constitution defines marriage as between two people instead of between a man and a woman, opening the door for same-sex marriage.

In his first interview, Cuba's recently-elected President Miguel Diaz-Canel supported equal marriage rights. He told TeleSUR on Sept. 17 that recognizing marriage as between two people without limitations is part of eliminating all forms of discrimination in society.

## How is it that Cuba leapfrogs forward?

On Nov. 29, Mariela Castro Espín, director of the Cuban National Center for Sex Education (CENESEX) in Havana and an activist for LGBTQ+ rights, explained why Cuba

was ready for same-sex marriage in a video interview with the BBC. She said through a translator:

"This change is important because it is the political will of the Cuban government to advance a human rights agenda and to extend it to as many areas as possible."

"It is time that the people of Cuba understand the need to recognize and protect the rights of everyone without excluding people by their sexuality, their gender identity, disability or race...."

"Cuban society is showing it is continuing as a society in revolution. It is in an experimental stage of a socio-economic and political system in a socialist democracy, not a social-democratic one. This means we can have the mechanisms for a fair society."

"Cuba is far more advanced in comparison with other Latin American countries because the people have managed to take power and they are backed by the Communist Party."

And this is also why Fidel Castro's memory and life still give struggling people so many lessons.

## Challenging class-based gender roles

Cuban women have been integral to the struggle for independence from colonialism. Carlota Lucumí, an enslaved Cuban woman of Yoruba origin, lost her life leading an 1843-1844 slave rebellion at the Triunvirato sugar mill in Matanzas. Cuba gave the name "Operation Carlota" to its international military support that, alongside Angola's MPLA national liberation front, defeated the racist



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Second from right, Mariela Castro Espín, director of the Cuban National Center for Sex Education (CENESEX) in Havana and an activist for LGBTQ+ rights.

apartheid South African regime at Cuito Cuanavale in 1988.

Cuban independence fighters Mariana Grajales and Ana Betancourt are remembered for their early roles. After the July 26, 1953, attack on the Moncada Barracks in Santiago, Haydée Santamaría and Melba Hernández were imprisoned. In the Sierra Maestra mountains, Celia Sánchez and Vilma Espín (mother of Mariela Castro and founder of the Federation of Cuban Women) were leaders and organizers.

Fidel Castro formed, armed and trained the Mariana Grajales women's platoon. Brigadier General Teté Puebla, the highest-ranking woman in Cuba's Revolutionary Armed Forces, is a Black woman.

Cuba's 1961 Literacy Campaign not only eradicated illiteracy in a year, but opened new horizons, especially for the young women teachers who broke traditions' chains to build the new socialist revolution.

Following the 2018 elections, 53.2 percent of the Cuban National As-

sembly delegates are women. They are diplomats, like Ambassador Anayansi Rodríguez Camejo at the United Nations and Josefina Vidal, Cuba's chief negotiator in the reestablishment of U.S.-Cuba diplomatic relations.

As documented in Leslie Feinberg's 2009 book, "Rainbow Solidarity in Defense of Cuba," gender reassignment surgery is available free of charge, and a person's right to change their name and sexual identity was acknowledged by Cuban law. (p. 86)

Mariela Castro Espín told the BBC interviewer: "The world is very different from Cuba. It doesn't mean that Cuba is better, but Cuba is fighting to make a different world. If they left us alone, and our project doesn't get sabotaged, it would be wonderful. It would be a wonderful alternative in the world. Why does everything have to be capitalist?"

The vote on the proposed Constitution with amendments from the national consultation is scheduled for Feb. 24, 2019. □

## NEW YORK CITY

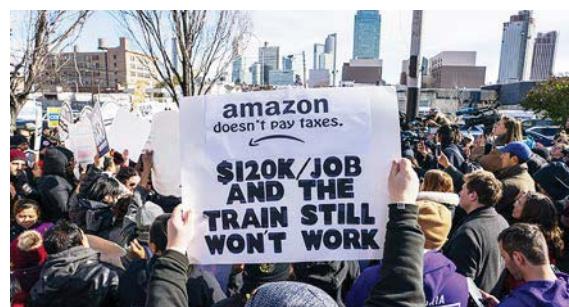
# Let the people vote on Amazon!

By Stephen Millies

One hundred thousand schoolchildren in New York City are homeless. Lead paint contaminates thousands of apartments in the city's housing projects.

But both New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and New York State Gov. Andrew Cuomo want to give Amazon.com over \$3 billion for setting up a headquarters in the New York City borough of Queens.

People are furious. Over 60 people marched inside Amazon's 34th Street bookstore in Manhattan on Nov. 26.



Labor leaders protested the giveaway to viciously anti-union Amazon on Nov. 28 in City Hall Park.

The same day, community groups, including Make The Road While Walking, protested in Long Island City near the proposed site for the headquarters. One hundred people came out in the pouring rain. (Queens Chronicle, Nov. 29)

Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos is the richest man in the world, with a \$138 billion fortune. Let him keep a billion dollars and his remaining stash could still give \$500 to every family in Africa.

De Blasio and Cuomo claim that Amazon will bring jobs to New York City. Is Bezos going to set up a hiring hall in the nearby Queensbridge Houses, the largest housing project in the U.S.?

Don't bet on it. In 2014, 24 percent of Amazon's "laborers" in its ware-



houses were Black and 12 percent were Latinx. But only 10 percent of its "nonlaborer workforce" — which includes almost all the headquarters jobs — were Black or Latinx. (Seattle Times, Aug. 14, 2015)

What Amazon is guaranteed to bring to Queens is more jacked-up rents, which are already a median \$2,450 per month in Long Island City. (Gothamist.com)

## Over 700,000 jobs lost

Long Island City was once a center of light industry with 50,000 factory workers. When the Swingline company shut down its stapler plant there in 1999, close to 500 members of Teamsters Local 808 lost their jobs, despite a valiant struggle led by the local's

secretary-treasurer, Chris Silvera.

Sixty years ago there were 980,000 manufacturing jobs in the Big Apple, many of them in union shops. At least 750,000 of them were destroyed.

It wasn't just automation and runaway businesses that committed this crime. Zoning changes also cost jobs. Landlords and the banks that own their mortgages can charge much higher rents for office space and luxury housing than for manufacturing lofts.

Amazon wants zoning changes, too. Under the act setting up New York State's Urban Development Corporation, Jeff Bezos, the 138 Billion Dollar Man, can ignore city zoning laws.

The UDC was supposed to build affordable housing. It was passed by the Empire State's Legislature in 1968 after Black rebellions erupted coast-to-coast following Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination.

We need the \$3 billion going to billionaire Bezos for housing, schools and transit. Let the people vote on this giveaway in a referendum. The fight against the rotten Amazon deal has just begun.

The writer was employed for years at Amtrak's Q interlocking tower, on the west end of Sunnyside Yard, behind the Swingline plant.

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See 'Migrante Youth' story at [struggle-la-lucha.org](http://struggle-la-lucha.org)

## Llamada Nacional de Emergencia Para:

# COMITES DE BIENVENIDA A LA CARAVANA de Imigrantes/Refugiados

### CARAVANA A LA FRONTERA:

Nosotros los firmadores y individuos, llamamos a la comunidad, sindicatos, estudiantes, y trabajadores, que desarrollen "Comites de Bienvenida" en la frontera de los E.U. Brindemos comida, agua y ayuda. Brindemos la bienvenida y apoyó a los miles de refugiados que arriesgan sus vidas huyendo violencia y pobreza.

### Organizar Actividades Locales:

Si no es posible acompañarnos en la frontera, pueden organizar actividades de emergencia en sus escuelas, en su ciudad y también en su trabajo. Cuando la caravan se está acercando la frontera estadounidense, traten de cerrar las oficinas de ICE, marchen en los centros de detención y planifiquen otras marchas.

### Fortalecer Solidaridad

Nosotros como trabajadores, estudiantes y jóvenes tenemos mas en común con migrantes que están huyendo las condiciones creadas por el capitalismo internacional y el Pentagon, que con estos jefes que se niegan a pagarles a los trabajadores un sueldo para sobrevivir, seguro médico o derechos para el obrero.

Como mujeres, activistas LGBTQ, queer y trans, extendemos nuestras manos a todos/as nuestros/as hermanos y hermanas refugiados y así fortalecer solidaridad.

Es fundamental que aseguremos nuestra oposición al racismo contra toda la gente de color en todas las ciudades y todas las esquinas de este país—como así continuemos nuestra lucha contra las pólizas racistas enfocadas contra los imigrantes Musulmanes, Africanos, Caribeños y migrantes Latinxs. Nosotros decimos No Paredes contra Mexico o contra Palestina.

Es importante recordar que los refugiados empezaron esta marcha agotadora porque las pólizas imperialistas de los Estados Unidos dejaron un legado de violencia, opresión y pobreza extrema forzándolos a abandonar sus hogares y arriesgar todo.

### A las Tropas Emetidas por el Gobierno

A aquellos soldados que fueron mandados a la frontera, les pedimos que no vayan. Si ya estén ahí, paren el trabajo, ( fingir a ser enfermos) pero más que nada escuchen a su conciencia — no disparen o brutalizan indefensos desarmados niños/as, mujeres o hombres.

El costo de este despliegue de tropas está estimado a llegar hasta \$220 millones: este es dinero que desesperadamente se necesita para escuelas, trabajos y servicios para veteranos que han sido reducido.

### La Lucha Continúa Contra el Reaccionarismo de Trump

Es urgente que todos hagamos todo lo posible para luchar contra el reaccionarismo de Trump que marco el comienzo de una corriente violenta de la derecha nueva que amenaza a todos. No podemos esperar hasta las elecciones; tenemos que organizarnos ahora!

Pedimos a todos los grupos que cooperen y trabajen juntos para tener éxito.

Para participar en esta Llamada responda en Facebook o correo electrónico: [WelcomeMigrantCaravan@gmail.com](mailto:WelcomeMigrantCaravan@gmail.com)

**¡SÍ SE PUEDE! YES WE CAN!**

## National Emergency Call for: WELCOME/BIENVENIDA COMMITTEES for the Migrant/Refugee Caravan

### CARAVAN TO THE BORDER

We, the undersigned groups and individuals, call on community, union, student and worker groups to hold "Welcoming Committees" at the U.S. border. Let's bring food, water and aid. Let's bring our bodies to welcome and show support for the thousands of refugees who are risking their lives to build a better life for their loved ones.

### HOLD LOCAL ACTIONS

If you cannot get to the border, hold emergency actions in your city, town, workplace or school as the migrant and refugee caravan nears or reaches the U.S. border. Shut down ICE offices, rally at detention centers, and schedule rush hour marches.

### BUILD SOLIDARITY

We as workers, students and youth have more in common with the migrants who are fleeing conditions that have been manufactured by global capitalists and the Pentagon, than with these same bosses who refuse to pay workers a living wage or who fight against enacting universal health care or workers' rights.

As women, LGBTQ, queer and trans activists, we extend our hand to our refugee sisters, brothers and siblings to build solidarity.

It is critical that we guarantee our opposition to every form of racism, both at home — experienced by Black and Brown people in every major city and corner of this country — along with fighting to say no to the racist policies that target Muslims, African, Caribbean and Latinx migrants. We say No Walls against Mexico or Palestine.

It's important to remember that the refugees who embarked on this grueling march are doing so because of U.S. imperialist policies that have left a legacy of violence, oppression and crushing poverty, forcing people to flee their homes and risk everything.

### TO THE GI TROOPS

To those rank and file GIs being sent to the border, we call on you not to go. If you are already there, then conduct work slow-downs, get sick, but most of all follow your conscience — don't shoot or brutalize defenseless unarmed children, women and men.

The cost of this troop deployment is estimated to be \$220 million: this is badly needed money that could be spent on schools, jobs and veteran services that have been slashed.

### PUSH BACK TRUMP REACTION

It's urgent that we do everything possible to push back the Trump reaction which has ushered in a violent neo-right-wing current that threatens everyone. We cannot wait until the elections; we must mobilize now!

We call on all groups to cooperate and work together to make this happen.

To sign on to this CALL, respond on Facebook, email: [WelcomeMigrantCaravan@gmail.com](mailto:WelcomeMigrantCaravan@gmail.com) or phone 323-413-2120 or 410-218-4835.

Funds are needed to help with the cost of caravans to the border and for aid to refugees including tents, water, food and clothing.

Please donate what you can: <https://bit.ly/2FpJN5d>

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Brenda Gutierrez, founder,  
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(U.S. branch of Honduras  
liberation forces)

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